### Western Greenbrier Co-production Demonstration Project

#### **Benefits Presentation**



### Clean Coal Power Initiative - Round 1 -

Demonstration of an 98 MWe Alstom Compact Inverted Cyclone, Circulating Fluidized-Bed Combustor in a Co-production Facility

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### **Executive Summary**

- Demonstration projects are critical to successful commercialization of technology developed under U.S. Department of Energy Fossil Energy R&D program
- Facility will employ CFB combustor technology burning waste coal
  - Environmental safeguards will place it among the cleanest and most cost-effective coal-burning electric generation facilities
- Western Greenbrier Co-production Demonstration Project success will set an example for remediation and recovery of many legacy waste coal dumps produced from historic coal mining and preparation operations

### **Executive Summary (continued)**

- Project carries potential for enormous environmental and economic benefits throughout coal mining areas with existing waste coal dumps
- West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
  - Estimates 300 to 400 million tons of waste coal in dumps across southern part of state
  - Identified waste coal dumps as state's number one environmental hazard
- Dumps impose ongoing costs in containment, neutralization of acid runoff, and assurance of integrity of containment structures
  - Estimates to eliminate dumps run as high as \$2 to \$3 billion



### **Executive Summary (continued)**

- Along with its 98 MWe plant, Western Greenbrier will produce CUB for potential use as building materials and for use in acid mine waste neutralization
- In addition to its technological and environmental benefits, this project will provide an income stream to three small communities that will own it, as well as provide lasting, quality jobs
- An "Eco-Park" is visualized using steam and hot water supplied by co-production facility
  - Products could include vegetables and tilapia, a fastgrowing food fish suitable to "fish farm" operations



### **Project Information**

### Plant, Fuel, Location, Cost, and Schedule

- A new 98 MWe Alstom CFB combustor fires waste coal recovered from abandoned coal dumps
- Waste coal is recovered and cleaned to reduce the ash content and increase the Btu value before delivery to power plant
- Location: Rainelle, Greenbrier County, WV
- Project cost: \$215 million;
   DOE share: \$107.5 million
- Schedule:
  - 2004 Project start
  - 2007 to 2009 Construction
  - 2010 Completion



### Project Information (continued) Team Members

#### Western Greenbrier Co-generation, LLC

 Project, sited in Rainelle, will be structured as a municipal entity owned by neighboring WV towns of Rainelle, Quinwood and Rupert

#### Alstom Power (Windsor, CT)

- Will provide power island
- Hazen Research (Golden, CO)
  - Will develop ash by-product processes and facilities design





# Project Information (continued) Circulating Fluidized-Bed (CFB) Process

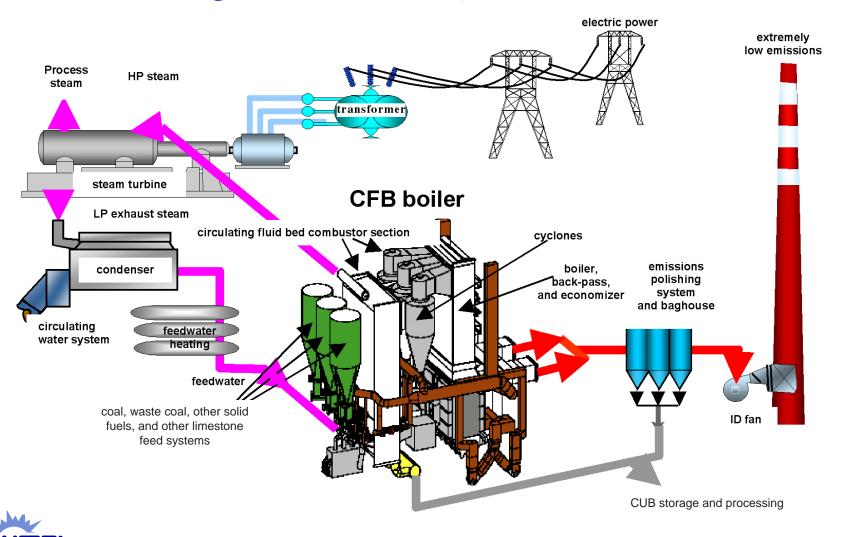
- CFB systems differ from other combustors in that fuel particles are fed into lower portion of combustor, along with a solid sorbent (limestone), where initial combustion occurs
- As fuel particles decrease in size due to combustion, they are carried higher in the furnace
- As particles shrink, fuel and some sorbent is collected in a cyclone separator
- This material is recycled to lower portion of combustor



# **Project Information** (continued) Circulating Fluidized-Bed (CFB) Process

- With continuous fresh coal and limestone feed, ash material is drawn off at bottom of combustor to control the amount of solids in the loop
- Steam is generated in tubes placed along walls of combustor keeping temperatures between 1,500° and 1,700°F through a large heat exchange surface, thus limiting NO<sub>x</sub> formation
- Primary purpose of limestone is to absorb sulfur from coal as it is released from combustion, thereby reducing oxides of sulfur (SO<sub>x</sub>) present in flue gas
- Any NO<sub>X</sub> and SO<sub>X</sub> remaining after cyclone are further reduced by selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) and wet lime scrubbing, respectively

# **Project Information** (continued) Circulating Fluidized-Bed (CFB) Process Schematic



# Project Information (continued) Combustion Utilization By-products (CUB)

- CUB (ash) from Western Greenbrier can be marketed
  - Project generates a class "C" ash, having adequate calcium and is quite pozzolanic, and is useful for construction materials
  - Local coals typically form a class "F" ash, having a low calcium content and must be bolstered with calcium via limestone
- Limestone from the Lewisburg, WV area is available for
  - Bolstering type "F" ash
  - Sulfur capture in the CFB





# Project Information (continued) Unique Contribution

- This CFB combustor features a unique "inverted" cyclone separator and a mid-support structure with these benefits:
  - 40% smaller boiler footprint with a lower overall building height, decreasing overall structural steel tonnage by 60%
  - Less direct construction labor
  - Self-supporting assembly process for enhanced construction safety and reduced costs
  - Overall construction time cut by 6-8 weeks
- Possible "Eco-Park" to use steam and hot water from project



View of overall site, looking southeast

### **Project Information (continued)** Anjean Dump Site: Existing Site Conditions



Access Road

1.5 miles to abandoned prep plant 2.5 miles to large refuse piles

1000 Feet

Note: Elevation varies on the site from 3300+/- to 3800 +/-The property is split between the watersheds of Big Clear Creek and Little Clear Creek Prepared For: Western Greenbrier Co-Generation, LLC Prepared By: Potesta & Associates, Inc. October 17, 2002



# **Estimated Benefits** *Approach*

- Forecast market penetration
- Quantify differences between conventional power plants with and without CFB technology being demonstrated





## Estimated Benefits (continued) Market Penetration Assumptions

- West Virginia DEP estimates 300 to 400 million tons of waste coal in existing dumps across southern West Virginia
- Potential market throughout all coal mining areas in United States
  - Assume source of limestone is available, if needed, to promote type "C" pozzolanic ash formation
  - Assume regional market for type "C" pozzolanic ash product





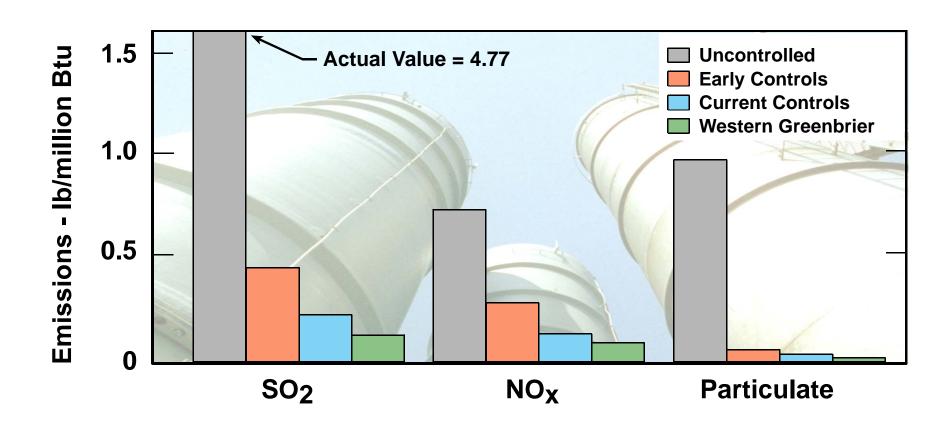
### Estimated Benefits (continued) Pollutant Reductions

- Mitigating waste coal dumps reduces acid runoff and facilitates land reclamation
- Treated CFB ash is useful
  - As a construction material
  - As a cement additive
  - To apply to waste coal dumps to neutralize acid runoff





### Estimated Benefits (continued) Total Emissions





### **Estimated Benefits** (continued) *Regional*

 West Virginia DEP spends \$250,000 each year monitoring and treating runoff from Anjean dump

Mitigating Anjean's approximately
 4 million tons of waste coal and

coal fines dump (largest in West Virginia) would be environmentally beneficial and cost-effective



Waste Coal Dump



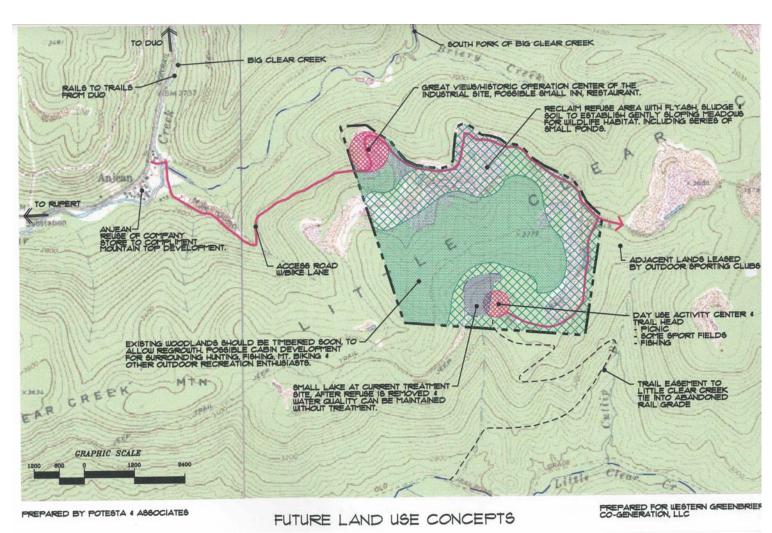
## Estimated Benefits (continued) Regional

- Project will bring high-quality jobs to economically challenged area of southern West Virginia
  - Construction will bring an influx of skilled labor as well as employment for local labor
  - Plant operations will create permanent jobs for local residents
  - Envisioned "Eco-Park" will contribute jobs to local economy
- Waste coal dumps like Anjean will be recovered for beneficial use
  - Area residents want to reclaim
     Anjean waste coal dump for use
     as a community park and recreation
     area (see annotated map)





# **Project Information** (continued) *Anjean Annotated Topographic Map*



### **Estimated Benefits (continued)** *National*



- Project constitutes a model for private industry, local, state, or federal organizations to eliminate liabilities from legacy coal mining and preparation operations in a manner that profits rather than costs taxpayers
  - West Virginia could save \$2 to \$3 billion
  - Other coal producing states will benefit from applying this technology to waste coal dumps



### **Conclusions**

- Land reuse and CUB benefits of Western Greenbrier Co-production Demonstration Project will:
  - Encourage building electric power plants at former mining facilities needing reclamation
  - Enable unusable land to be reclaimed for commercial use throughout the nation
  - Mitigate abandoned mine spoils and associated environmental problems
  - Provide economic benefits for local communities in mine spoil areas



Reclaimed Land



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